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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Examiner: Sharmila S. Gollamudi Group Art Unit: 1616

Re: Application of: Chih-Ming CHEN, et al.

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For: **HMG-COA REDUCTASE INHIBITOR
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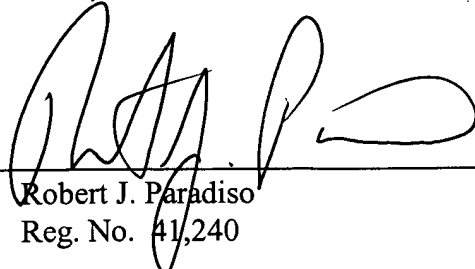
Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Advisory Action dated January 13, 2004 for three (3) months from June 22, 2004 to September 22, 2004. It is noted that a Notice of Appeal was reviewed by the patent office on April 22, 2004.

A check for \$1,720.00 is enclosed, of which \$950.00 is covering the three (3) months extension fee. If it is determined that any additional fees are due or if any fees have been overpaid, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the deficiency or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0552.

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